



IUSD Board Briefs

Highlights from the Irvine Unified School District's Feb. 19 Board of Education meeting

IUSD Board recognizes Astounding Inventions participants

The Board of Education recognized dozens of IUSD students who took part in this year's Astounding Inventions fair, which was presented by Greenberg Traurig LLP and the Irvine Valley College Foundation on Jan. 26.

Established to promote student interest in math and science, Astounding Inventions annually highlights the creative inventions of Irvine and Tustin students in kindergarten through the eighth grade. This year's participants proudly displayed their projects in the District Office lobby prior to Tuesday's meeting, which featured a formal check presentation by IVC President Glenn R. Roquemore and Foundation Director Al Tello.

Board discusses the state's budget shortfall

Following a PowerPoint presentation by Deputy Superintendent Vernon Medeiros, the Board of Education discussed the state's \$14.5 billion budget deficit and its impact on IUSD. Dr. Medeiros said the Governor's budget proposal for 2008-09 threatens to shortchange Irvine by as much as \$18.5 million, a figure that takes into account proposed reductions and the lack of a Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) increase.

Looking ahead, IUSD must file its second interim financial report in March based on the assumption that the Governor's plan will become a reality, and IUSD will spend the next several months identifying budget cuts and potential revenue enhancements to bridge the gap, Dr. Medeiros said. The next milestone for new fiscal information will be in May, when the Governor releases a revised version of his spending proposal. IUSD will then have until June 30 to adopt a budget for 2008-09, which begins July 1. Though the state shares this deadline, Legislative negotiations will likely result in a delayed adoption, perhaps as late as September.

Board passes resolution opposing the Governor's budget proposal

Following a discussion among trustees, the Board unanimously approved a resolution that opposes the Governor's 2008-09 budget proposal and calls for the protection of Proposition 98, which guarantees a minimum level of funding for public education.



IUSD students display their Astounding Inventions projects in the District Office lobby before Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

(Continued on next page)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

GAVIN HUNTLEY-FENNER, Ph.D. / SUE KUWABARA / CAROLYN McINERNEY / MICHAEL PARHAM / SHARON WALLIN

GWEN E. GROSS, Ph.D., *Superintendent of Schools*

VERNON MEDEIROS, Ed.D., *Deputy Superintendent, Business Services*

CASSIE PARHAM, *Assistant Superintendent, Education Services* / TERRY WALKER, *Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources*

IUSD ... providing the highest quality educational experience we can envision.



Board Briefs (Continued)

Board adopts service and budget plan for special education

Board of Education members reviewed and adopted the district's service and budget plan for Special Education. This action, taken yearly, is a requirement of the state Education Code.

Board initiates proceedings for recreational improvement assessments

The Board voted unanimously to initiate proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments within IUSD's Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District for 2008-09. This funding mechanism helps IUSD pay for the installation, maintenance and service of its recreational facilities.

Wallin leads the list of prospective CSBA delegates for Region 15

Board members cast a collective vote for eight representatives vying for a spot on the California School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly for Region 15. The prospective delegates that received IUSD's vote were: Irvine Unified's own Sharon Wallin; Dave Bridgewater of the Westminster School District; Tammie Bullard of the Tustin Unified School District; Shirley A. Carey of the Huntington Beach City School District; Meg Cutuli of the Los Alamitos Unified School District; Judith A. Franco of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District; Susan Henry of the Huntington Beach Union High School District; and Donna McDougall of the Cypress School District.

Coming Up:

Regular Meetings:

Tuesday, March 4, 2008 in the Board Room

Tuesday, March 18, 2008 in the Board Room